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In re the Application of: **Taiji EMA**

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Examiner: **Matthew E. Warren**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING CONTACT HOLES BETWEEN  
ADJACENT CONDUCTOR PATTERNS AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE  
SAME**

Attorney Docket No.: **980446**

Customer No.: **38834**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

January 24, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant amends the application as follows and submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification begin** on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings begin** on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin** on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including new drawing Fig. 53 is attached following page 5 of this paper.